

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Monday, 5 May 2008 - 3:30 p.m.
272 Bascom Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Provost Farrell at 3:33 p.m. with 149 voting members present.

- | 1. Memorial resolutions were presented for: | Doc. No. |
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| Professor Emeritus William Allen Brown | 2047 |
| Professor Emeritus Charles Francis Curtiss | 2048 |
| Professor Elmer N. Feltskog | 2049 |
| Professor Emeritus David S. Lovejoy | 2050 |
| Professor Emeritus James B. Skatrud | 2051 |

2. Announcements/Informational Items.

Professor Robert Mathieu summarized the University Committee's progress on Faculty Senate initiatives during the last two years.

Professor Ann Hoyt reminded senators about the reception following the senate meeting in celebration of the need-based financial aid initiative.

3. Question Period.

Provost Farrell responded to a question from Professor Richard Knowles (District 55) about adherence to the final exam schedule and the necessity of reminding faculty and instructors about the university's final exam policy. The provost will ensure that reminders about the policy are sent each semester to instructional staff and faculty.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

4. The minutes of 7 April 2008 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

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| 5. The provost called attention to the Report of Elections to UW-Madison Faculty Committees for 2008-2009. | 2052 |
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There were no questions or comments.

6. The provost requested unanimous consent to reorder the remaining agenda items so that item number thirteen (Recommendation to Create the Department of Urology in the School of Medicine and Public Health; Faculty Document 2058) would be the next to be considered.

There were no objections.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Dean Robert Golden presented for discussion the Recommendation to Create the Department of Urology in the School of Medicine and Public Health. 2058

There were no questions or comments.

REPORTS (resumed)

8. Professor Walter Dickey submitted for informational purposes the Athletic Board Annual Report for 2006-2007. 2053

There were several questions and comments.

9. Vice Provost and Professor Emerita Bernice Durand submitted for informational purposes the Campus Diversity Plan Oversight Committee Annual Report, January 2005 through May 2008. 2054

There were no questions or comments.

10. Associate Professor David Zimmerman submitted for informational purposes the Commission on Faculty Compensation and Economic Benefits Annual Report for 2007-2008. 2055

There were no questions or comments.

11. Professor Jeanne Boydston submitted for informational purposes the Report of the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. 2056

There was one question.

12. Professor Mathieu submitted for informational purposes the University Committee Annual Report for 2006-2007. 2057

There was one question.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. Professor Mathieu moved to adopt the University Committee Recommendation to Amend *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 5.20.C. and 7.31.B. 2045a

The motion passed by voice vote.

14. Professor Mathieu moved to adopt the Recommendation from the Campus Diversity Plan Oversight Committee to Amend *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.27. 2046a

Professor Lester Hunt (District 66) moved to amend the recommended language in FPP 6.27.B. to read as follows:

- B. FUNCTIONS. This shared governance body advises the administration, the faculty, the academic staff, the classified staff, and the recognized student governance organization on campus diversity and climate policy, which ~~should strive~~ **strives** to create an environment where each individual feels respected, valued and supported, **while respecting academic freedom and freedom of speech.**

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The motion to amend was seconded.

The senate discussed the motion to amend.

The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

Professor Richard Knowles (District 55) moved to amend the motion by substituting “is duly” for “feels” in both the background section of the document and in 6.27.B.

The motion to amend was seconded.

The senate discussed the motion to amend.

The motion to amend failed by a hand count of 35 yes, 54 no.

The motion as amended passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS (resumed)

15. Professor Mathieu moved to adopt the Recommendation from the Information Technology Committee to Amend *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.42. 2059

The motion passed by voice vote.

16. Professor Robert Meyer (District 52) moved to adopt his Resolution in Support of Establishing a Committee to Review the Planning and Management of Campus Snow and Ice Removal. 2060

The motion was seconded.

Professor Mark Etzel (District 11) moved to postpone indefinitely the motion.

The motion to postpone failed due to lack of a second.

Professor Mathieu moved to amend the motion by substituting “an ad hoc committee” for “a committee” in the resolution paragraph.

The motion to amend was seconded.

The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

Professor Etzel moved to amend the language of the pending resolution as follows:

WHEREAS the ten-year review system for academic departments has proved to be an important tool for objectively identifying strengths, weaknesses, and future directions; and

WHEREAS ~~inadequate snow and ice removal on campus sidewalks, pedestrian bridges, and bus stops led to significant inconvenience and hazards to public safety~~ **was problematic** in winter 2007-08; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive, transparent, and objective study of significant changes to current policies for planning and management of campus snow and ice removal is required in order to prevent ~~yet another repetition of the~~ hazardous conditions that prevailed on campus in the preceding winter;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends that an ad hoc committee be established to review, following procedures analogous to those used in ten-year departmental reviews, the planning and management of snow and ice removal on campus, such committee to contain representatives from the faculty, the academic staff, and the student body, including faculty and academic staff representatives from the Campus Transportation Committee and the Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee and at least one student representative selected by ASM, with a charge to report to the Faculty Senate in fall 2008.

The motion to amend was seconded.

The motion to amend passed by a hand count of 44 yes, 33 no.

The motion as amended passed by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty